

REMARKS

Dealing with preliminary matters first, attached are the two references, which should have been provided to the U.S. Patent Office by the PCT branch. Also attached for the Examiner's convenience PTO SB 08/ A & B form listing the references previously cited in the Information Disclosure Statement filed on June 4, 2004. Formal consideration of these references is respectfully requested.

The Abstract of the Disclosure is objected to because the reference to Figure 1 should be removed. The claims are objected to because the unnumbered paragraph at the end of the claims should be removed. Finally, claims 1-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112 (second paragraph) as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the invention.

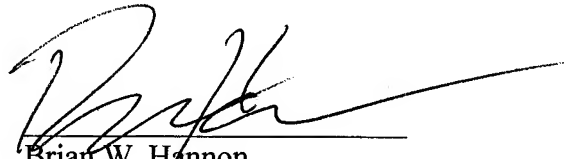
By way of the amendment, Applicants have added a new Abstract of the Disclosure to overcome the objection thereto. Specifically, reference to Figure 1 has been removed and the legal phraseology contained in the Abstract has also been removed.

With respect to the § 112 (second paragraph) rejection of the claims, Applicants have carefully revised the claims to address each of the matters raised by the Examiner to improve their overall clarity. In view of the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that the claims, as amended, comply with the specificity requirements of § 112.

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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